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Remarks

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 3-10, 13-20 and 22-25 remain in the application.

In the Final Office action of November 7, 2006, the Examiner indicated that claims 3-4, 13-14 and 22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form so as to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the following amendments have been made:

(1) Claims 3 and 4 have been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of base claim 1. Claim 1 has been canceled.

(2) Claims 5, 7 and 10 have been amended to change their dependency to claims 3 or 4.

(3) Claims 13 and 14 have been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of base claim 11. Claim 11 has been canceled.

(4) Claims 15, 17, 19 and 20 have been amended to change their dependency to claims 13 or 14.

(5) Claim 22 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of base claim 21. Claim 21 has been canceled.

(6) Claims 23-25 have been amended to change their dependency to claim 22.

No new matter has been added.

No amendments have been made to the specification or the drawing.

Amendment Fee

On September 28, 2009, the USPTO charged to my VISA a total of \$2450 to cover a petition fee of \$1620 and an amendment fee of \$830. Because the Petition was dismissed on procedural grounds (lack of an RCE) that amendment (dated September 25, 2009) was not entered. However, the request for continued examination has been made, and the identical amendment has been resubmitted via this paper. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that no additional amendment fee is required. The foregoing was discussed with C. Congo, Esq., attorney for the Office of Petitions, on February 1, 2010 and he is understood to concur..

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of claims 3-10, 13-20 and 22-25, and passage of this application to issue, are hereby respectfully requested. If during the consideration of this paper, the Commissioner believes that resolution of the issues raised will be facilitated by further discussion, he is urged to contact the undersigned attorney at 610-691-7710 (voice) or 610-691-8434 (fax).

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